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## HARVEY GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SUCCEEDED GOVERNOR COOPER. AT NOON SATURDAY.

Lieutenant Governor Wilson Godfrey Harvey, of Charleston, took the oath of office as governor of South Carolina in Columbia at 12:03 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 20.

The exercises surrounding the induction of the new executive were characterized by simplicity. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary on the rostrum of the supreme court and Governor Harvey intoned the response in a distinct voice. On the rostrum were the retiring governor, who had his little son, Robert, seated in his lap; Associate Justice Thomas P. Cothran and Secretary of State William Banks Dove.

On being sworn the new governor, the sixty-seventh in succession of the state, pleaded for the cooperation of the people of the state and gave a high note of praise to his predecessor for his successful pilotage of the state.

The procession, composed of Governor Cooper and Governor Harvey, and constitutional state officers met at the executive offices shortly before noon, and then marched to the supreme court chamber.

Among those who witnessed the induction were three former governors of the state, D. C. Heyward, Richard I. Manning and Cole L. Bleasie, all of Columbia, and one ex-lieutenant governor, Andrew J. Bethea, of Columbia. The official life was represented by Mayor William A. Coleman. Other distinguished men and women were there.

When the official party reached the rostrum, Secretary of State Dove, in his capacity of keeper of the records of the state, announced that he held in his hand the resignation of Governor Robert A. Cooper, effective at noon, May 20, 1922. Governor Cooper then announced that the lieutenant governor was present and ready to qualify. The oath was then administered.

After the taking of the oath, the new governor said:

"It was my purpose that the simple ceremonies accompanying my assumption of the duties and responsibilities of the high office I have been called upon to fill for a brief period should not be attended with any public address. It is not expected of me, at this time nor would it be fitting that I speak of any policies or purposes and I shall content myself with the utterance of a brief statement to the public through the medium of the daily press, but the presence of so many friends demands that at least I express my appreciation of their presence, and to say that it is in firm reliance on their patriotic support and council that I begin my administrative duties. Going beyond this group of valued friends to the thousands of sincere and patriotic men and women of the state I bespeak for myself and my efforts the hearty cooperation, the moral and material support and the prayers of the noble men and women of South Carolina.

"My first official utterance is expressive of the sentiment of the people of South Carolina when I say that they are appreciative of the dignity and ability which characterized the administration of Governor Robert A. Cooper. While an executive cannot hope that his every act shall be approved by all of the people—owing to the divergence of individual viewpoints and interest—it is nevertheless true, I believe, that with practical unanimity the men and women of South Carolina have felt a sense of absolute trust and confidence in the official who this day lays down the burdens and honors of the office twice entrusted to his keeping. His safe and sane methods, his unquestioned integrity, his dignity and courtesy has redounded to the advantage of his people and his state, and as he leaves this executive chamber he carries with him the gratitude and regard, the confidence and esteem and the well wishes of a satisfied and grateful people."

The new governor was profusely applauded during and at the conclusion of his remarks, and immediately shook hands with ex-Governor Cooper, little Robert Cooper and the others on the rostrum. He then held an impromptu reception in the supreme court chamber. Going from there to the executive chamber, he held an-

## UNANIMOUSLY DECIDE NOT TO SELL PROPERTY

Such was Decision of Stockholders, Who Met Here Tuesday, May 22.

Pursuant to a call of the president and secretary of the Williamsburg Fair Association for a stockholders meeting Tuesday, May 22, there was a goodly number in attendance. A statement of the financial condition of the association was handed to the stockholders and the object of the meeting stated by the president, Mr. Thos. McCutchen, who presided. The old members of the Executive committee were reelected. It was unanimously decided not to dispose of the property owned by the association by a motion to eliminate such a proposition from consideration at this time.

Plans for continuing the fair were discussed and most of those in attendance left the meeting feeling that the usual annual fair would be held this fall, although a motion was carried to the effect that the question of doing so be left to the executive committee which held its meeting immediately following the adjournment of the stockholders meeting. The Executive committee decided that there will be no fair this fall. The financial statement of the association shows assets of the corporation to be \$7,866.00 and liabilities \$8,708.32. Of the latter amount \$1,200.00 is due as premiums offered by the association last fall. The liabilities of the association are given at \$842.00 in excess of assets.

### News From Hemingway.

Rome, May 22.—Miss Louise Snow is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Wilson Buie in Merchantville, N. J.

Mrs. Harry Wilson of Kingstree, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Turbeville.

Miss Mary Rhem spent the weekend in Georgetown with her aunt, Mrs. E. W. DuRant.

Mrs. O. M. Mitchell of McColl, spent last week here with relatives.

Miss Gertrude Haddock has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Ed. Vause in Kingstree.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Grier spent Sunday in Conway.

Mr. Furney Rhem has returned from a trip to Columbia.

Mrs. W. T. Turbeville is visiting her niece, Mrs. Wilson Buie in Merchantville, N. J.

Miss Emmie Snow spent the weekend in Georgetown with relatives.

Mrs. Maggie Turbeville of Georgetown is spending some time at the home of her son, Mr. W. T. Turbeville.

Mrs. Ed. Vause of Kingstree is visiting her mother, Mrs. Willie Haddock.

Misses Annie and Nell Wilson spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. O. M. Mitchell at McColl.

Mrs. Fannie Munnerlyn is on an extended visit to her son, Dr. J. F. Munnerlyn in Columbia, and to her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Mole of Brunswick. Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Way and Harriet Way were visitors in Hemingway Saturday.

Mrs. D. I. Wilson visited relatives in Hemingway Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Hemingway and Miss Florence Hemingway were visitors in Hemingway Saturday.

### Piano Recital Tuesday Night.

Tuesday evening a very enjoyable program was rendered in the auditorium by the primary pupils of the Music school under the direction of Mrs. Ira A. Calhoun. There were eighteen numbers on the program and each one was rendered in a manner that reflects credit upon both teacher and pupils. Those taking part in the recital are Mary Montgomery, Pearl Player, Louise Arrowsmith, Margaret Kelley, Delma Burgess, Maude Nesmith, Julia Brown, Frances Burgess, Dorothy Baggett, Emily McIntosh, Rubie McCutchen, Margaret Stackley, Margaret Burgess, Myrtise McIntosh, Marry Arrowsmith.

other reception and a conference with the newspaper men.

"Governor," said the retiring governor before he left, "I desire to say to you that you can call on me at any time for service to South Carolina and I shall gladly give it."

"I thank you Governor," responded the new executive, "and I shall certainly avail myself of your generous offer."

As ex-Governor Cooper was leaving his office there were tears of emotion in his eyes as he bade his attaches and other friends farewell.

## CLOSING EXERCISES BEGIN TONIGHT

FINALS OF KINGSTREE SCHOOL OPEN WITH MUSIC RECITAL—FINALS MONDAY NIGHT.

Final exercises of the Kingstree high and graded school, session 1921-1922, will begin Thursday night, May 25, with a music recital by pupils of the advanced classes, under the direction of the accomplished teacher, Miss Olie G. Crockett and her assistant, Mrs. Ira A. Calhoun.

The recital will take place at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. There are fifteen numbers on the program and these are the pupils of the Music department who will take part in the rendition: Misses Pearl Chandler, Rosa Kellahan, Stella Wolfe, Ola DuBose, Caroline Pugh, Julia Hall, Elizabeth Swails, Belva Jenkinson, Flora Smith, Maria Burgess, Jane Gilland, Elizabeth Fairay, Rachel Dove, Mae Burgess, Addie Belle Epps, Mary McCullough, Mary Catherine Epps. In addition to these appear the names of Miss Crockett, Mrs. M. F. Montgomery, Mrs. E. T. Kelley and James F. Cooper.

On Friday night the Wee Nee Literary society will entertain the friends and patrons of the school with an interesting program of music and debate, the latter being the special feature of the evening with the query: "Resolved that Kingstree should spend \$200,000 in the next twelve months in street paving, extension of water and sanitation." The affirmative will be argued by Misses Stella Wolfe, Grace Kinder and Emmie McConnell, while Misses Mae Epps, Daisy McIntosh and Ruby Joye will take care of the negative side of the debate.

Saturday morning will be given over to the seventh grade and a program of seventh grade class day exercises will be rendered at the auditorium at 11 o'clock a. m. This custom was inaugurated here last year, up to which time the seventh grade had had little or no part in the "commencement exercises." It proved to be a most enjoyable and amusing feature at that time and henceforth the seventh will feature in the "commencement" as well as the eleventh grade.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached to the graduating class in the auditorium Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. W. S. Poyner of St. John's Episcopal church, Florence. Sunday night a union service will be held at the Presbyterian church at which the Rev. Mr. Poyner will also preach.

Monday night the graduating exercises will take place in the auditorium at 8:30 o'clock. There are fourteen members of this class, nine young ladies and five young men as follows: Misses Margaret Montgomery, Elizabeth Montgomery, Scott McElveen, Mae Cook, Leta Mitchum, Erlene Harrington, Bessie DuBose, Lillie Baker, Evelyn McConnell; David Canty, Edward O'Bryan, Rudolph Cousar, William Evans, Vardelle Nesmith.

The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

### LOCAL RED CROSS TO HAVE CHARGE OF CHAUTAUQUA

The Redpath Chautauquas which will open in Kingstree Tuesday afternoon, May 30, for five days engagement, has agreed that the sale of tickets be placed in charge of the local Red Cross society by the guarantors.

By this arrangement it is believed that the entertainments will be more liberally patronized and the profits therefrom will go to the Red Cross to help carry on the excellent work the society is doing in the community.

Also by this arrangement purchasers of tickets will not be required to pay the ten per cent charged by the government and known as "war tax." The price of adult season tickets is \$3.00 and a child's season ticket \$1.50. These tickets are now on sale at the office of Miss Daisy Varn, Red Cross secretary, and by a number of the ladies of town who are interested in the work of the society.

## TWO CONVICTED OF MURDER DIE JUNE 15

JEFFORDS AND HARRISON TO GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR. TREECE GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

F. M. Jeffords, Ira Harrison and Glenn Treece were convicted at Columbia Saturday of the murder of John C. Arnette on the night of May 6, sentence was pronounced by presiding Judge W. H. Townsend, the two former to die at the state penitentiary by electrocution on June 15 and the latter to serve the remainder of his life behind prison walls. Treece was recommended to the mercy of the court.

There was absolutely no demonstration in the crowded court room as the jury filed in with the verdict after it had been out three hours and nineteen minutes. The prisoners were placed in the dock with a heavy cordon of officers around them and Judge Townsend cautioned the audience that none would be allowed to leave until after the court had completed its business. All doors were then closed.

The three men were sentenced at 6:30 o'clock. There was no noise to break the calm judicial pronouncements of the judge except the audible sobbing of some of the women relatives of the condemned men. As sentence was pronounced they were taken to the state penitentiary, two to be placed in death cells and the other, Treece, to labor out the long years of his life in custody.

The trial went into its fifth day. Saturday being coupled with the arguments of attorneys for Treece and Jeffords and the closing argument of Solicitor Spigener. The jury was then allowed to go to its meal. On its return the charge of Judge Townsend was delivered and the indictment was handed down to the jury at 2:56 o'clock in the afternoon.

On the night of May 6 the dead body of J. C. Arnette, joint proprietor with F. M. Jeffords, was found in a partly overturned automobile in a lonely dell at Colonial Heights, a suburb of Columbia, with his head crushed. The theory of the case as developed by the state was that the deed was due to a conspiracy between Jeffords and two employees of the filling station, Ira Harrison and Glenn Treece, for the purpose of obtaining \$4,000 in partnership in surance, through which complete interest in the business could be bought by the three.

It was contended that the three men had a conference two weeks before the commission of the deed and decided on its methods. The idea was to entice Arnette into the rear of the filling station, slay him, take him to a high viaduct, dump the automobile containing the dead body, thereby simulating accident. Two "attempts to murder Arnette" previously had been made, contended the state, on two nights previous to the actual commission.

It was contended that Treece watched while Jeffords and Harrison slunk in the rear of the filling station awaiting the proprietor. When he came back he was hit on the head with a stick by Harrison, but not felled; then Jeffords threw Arnette, choking him into insensibility. Both men then took Arnette between two automobiles, Jeffords crushing his head into a pulp with an automobile axle, it was charged. Arnette's body was then thrown into the front seat of his own car, Harrison getting beside it and Treece climbing into the rear. The car was then driven to the point designated in the conspiracy, but the presence of two street cars prevented its propulsion over the bank. It was then, with Treece out of the car, taken to the spot where found. The state then contended that the car was rolled slowly down a steep declivity by Harrison, in the endeavor of overturning it, making the crime appear as a natural accident.

The three men then joined, Jeffords and Harrison later going back to the filling station, setting it afire in an effort to destroy evidences of a struggle in the rear of it. The fire was discovered in time to prevent destruction of the buildings.

The three men were arrested shortly after the commission of the crime and Harrison confessed to the police. The case created decided interest in Columbia and vicinity, and not in recent criminal history has such crowds thronged the Richland county court house.

## BIGHAM WILL NOT CARRY CASE TO U. S. SUPREME COURT.

Fails to Complete Notice of Intention of Appeal in State Courts—Relies on New Evidence.

Edmund Bigham will not carry his case before the supreme court of the United States, his attorney, A. L. King, stated Tuesday morning when the clerk of the county court receiving a remittitur from the supreme court of South Carolina reaffirming the conviction of the court of general sessions in Florence county. The appeal has been abandoned and the convicted man will rely solely on his after discovered evidence, which he will present to the June term of the court of general sessions here with a motion for a new trial.

Abandonment of the appeal to the United States supreme court and falling back solely on the after discovered evidence, would indicate that the convicted man and his attorney feel quite certain of their new evidence.

The after discovered evidence is in the form of letters which Smiley Bigham for whose killing Edmund was convicted and sentenced to death, is alleged to have written to Edmund. They were brothers. These letters are understood to raise seriously a question whether Smiley did not kill their mother, their sister, and her two adopted sons, and himself, instead of Edmund, who has been indicted for the wholesale killing.—The Florence Daily Times.

### Indiantown School Closes.

Indiantown, May 23.—The commencement exercises of the Indiantown graded school were held on Monday and Tuesday nights, May 15th and 16th. The program on Monday night, which consisted of plays, drills, pantomimes, instrumental duets, etc., was carried out by the grammar school, and reflected credit on teachers and pupils.

The graduating exercises took place on Tuesday night and were both interesting and instructive. There were eight graduates this year, four girls and four boys, namely: Miss Lottie Snowden, class president; Miss Grace Wilson, salutatorian; Miss Emmie Wilson, valedictorian; Miss Sallie Snowden and Ned Wilson, Wilmet Daniel, Joe McCutchen and Edison Eaddy.

Mr. H. S. Cunningham, a former son of this community, but for many years a resident of Bishopville, delivered the address to the graduating class. He spoke very interestingly of the history of old Indiantown and related several incidents that occurred during his boyhood days. Miss Martha Snowden and Mr. Jas. F. Cooper delighted the large audience with several instrumental duets on the piano and violin.

Ice cream and cake were sold both nights by the boys of the baseball club. The neat little sum of twenty-two dollars was realized which will be used to purchase material for the baseball team.

Misses Mildred Wilson, Evelyn McConnell and Dawn Reddick of Kingstree, spent the week-end here with Miss Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wilson.

Mr. W. E. Snowden of Cedar Swamp, visited relatives here Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Pritchett was unable to preach at the regular services Sunday morning on account of a severe cold. A congregational meeting was held at the regular preaching hour to discuss matters pertaining to the new manse now under construction.

### Death of Mrs. Harrison.

Mrs. Martha Sexton Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sexton of this place, died in a Charleston hospital last week following an operation. The remains were brought to Kingstree on an early train Saturday morning and were taken from the depot to the Baptist church where the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. W. Davis of the Presbyterian church, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Davis was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Crosby who accompanied the body to Kingstree. Mrs. Harrison had made her home in Savannah, Ga., for some time, but on account of a protracted illness was under treatment in Charleston for several weeks prior to her death. The deceased is survived by her husband and three little boys. Interment was made in the Williamsburg cemetery Saturday at 11 o'clock.

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## COMMENCEMENT AT HEMINGWAY SCHOOL

MARKS CLOSING OF MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSION IN ITS HISTORY.

Hemingway, May 22.—The closing of one of the most successful school years in the history of the Hemingway school began Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. The program for the evening being the annual high school oratorical contest. The attendance was so large that great numbers had to stand on the outside. The boys declaiming for a gold medal given by the DuRant Company were as follows: E. Brown, Sparkman DuRant, Willis Haselden, Johnny Springs and Percy Larrimore. The winner of this medal was E. Brown, the subject of his declamation was "The Life and Death of Robert Emmet. Talent in this line was also shown by Sparkman DuRant, who was given favorable mention by the judges. The girls reciting for the medal given by Eaddy-Creel Bros. for expression were: Mildred Huggins; Rosalie Davis, Olga Harmon, Zuleena Haselden and Inez Wooten. The decision of the judges being in favor of Miss Mildred Huggins, who gave the reading "The Going of the White Swan," "Daddy-Long-Legs" coming second, this being given by Inez Wooten. The judges were Mr. Cole Cannon, Rev. Mr. Guess and Rev. Brown. Rev. Brown acting as spokesman for the judges presented the medal with a short but very appropriate and pleasing speech.

Friday night the exercises were given by the Grammar grades and they showed by the way in which they were carried out that the teachers had spent much time and energy in training the children. The inclemency of the weather caused quite a few to be absent but nevertheless the program was carried out. A Tom Thumb wedding was given by the primary grades under direction of Misses Galloway, Kennedy and Morgan. A minstrel was then presented by the boys of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Many jokes were pulled off on members of the audience greatly to their surprise, and affording much fun to the others. The "Pinewood Baby Show" was given by Miss Gowdy's third grade girls. This showed untiring efforts on the part of both teacher and children. The last number of the program was an Operetta, "The Isle of Jewels" under management of Miss Myrtise Martin. The costumes and decorations added much to the beauty of the scenes. Miss Blondell Cockfield played the accompaniments for all of the entertainments.

Mr. Halfacre, by way of closing the evening made a striking appeal to the patrons of the school to vote for the extra tax in order that the schools in the district would be able to continue their work next year.

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the Rev. Dr. Watson B. Duncan of Cheraw, preached the baccalaureate sermon in the Methodist church. The church was filled and everybody enjoyed his sermon to the fullest. He also held the evening services for Rev. Guess.

Monday evening the graduating class completed the commencement. The five members of the class this year were Misses Victoria Thames, Ira Cox, Mildred Poston; Messrs Vance Tyler and Ealy Brown. The highest honors of the class were won by Miss Victoria Thames, who gave the valedictory. The salutatory being given by Miss Ira Cox, the class history by Vance Tyler and the will by Ealy Brown. Miss Mildred Poston gave the prophecy of the class. The address was made by the Hon. P. H. Stoll of Kingstree. His talk should be remembered long afterwards by the members of the class, as one of eloquence and feeling.

The presentation of the medals offered by different firms of the town and individuals followed. Messrs D. G. Huggins, G. B. Ingraham, J. B. Bushardt, Rev. Thames, Guest each awarded prizes and medals.

A short talk was given by Superintendent W. D. Halfacre to the class. The attendance was so large that there was hardly standing room in the auditorium and halls. It is to be hoped that there will be many more years of the school as progressive as this one.

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